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OAU hopes on summit front fade

become premiers and Nakasone thought his time had come in 1980 with the unexpected death of Masayoshi Ohira. But instead Suzuki, a rank outsider at the time, was preferred.

Nakasone has been in parliament since 1947 and has been re-elected 13 consecutive times. He joined the LDP in 1955.

Nakasone is regarded by some a nationalist

Having won an absolute victory in the election, picking up almost 60 percent of the votes of the party's some one million members, Nakasone will officially succeed outgoing Premier Zenko Suzuki as party president Thursday at a convention of the 421 LDP members of parliament.

On Friday he takes over from Suzuki as prime minister at a special session of the Diet (parliament). The appointment is automatic as the LDP controls both chambers with large majorities.

Following Nakasone's impressive performance in the primary elections, vis main rivals, Toshiro Komoto and Shintaro Abe Wednesday withdrew from the race.

Komoto took 27.2 percent of the total votes and Abe 8.2 percent, Ichiro Nakagawa with 6.7 percent did not qualify for the final round.

Nakasone, director-general of the administrative agency, was the man Suzuki favored to succeed him, when he unexpectedly announced he would not continue as party president and premier.

Nakasone obtained his first ministerial post at the tender age of 41 — exceptionally young by Japanese standards.

He has never tried to conceal his ambition to become Japanese leader and be got a reputation for opportunism by switching allegiances when necessary.

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Spanish group seeks leading business links

By David Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Nov. 24 — A nine member Spanish trade mission, sponsored by the Instituto Nacional de Fomento a la Exportación has arrived here as part of a drive to

Famous dancers due for Jeddah Turkish festival

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The internationally acclaimed Turkish State Dance Group, which has won many prizes, will stage performances during the Turkish festival at Hotel Alsalam Meridien here from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

The group won prizes in Austria, Bulgaria and Soviet Union in 1976; in France, Tunisia, Italy and Romania in 1977; in Japan in 1978; in Libya and Sweden in 1979; in Albania and Hong Kong in 1980; and in the U.S., Mexico and West Germany in 1981.

Makkah Governor Prince Majed will open the festival to be held by the hotel in collaboration with the Turkish Embassy and the Turkish Airlines.

The festival also features the Turkish Radio and TV Classical Orchestra, several exhibitions of Turkish arts and crafts, and, of course, Turkish cuisine.

A special buffet of Turkish specialities, all prepared by four of Turkey's top chefs is among the highlights of the festival each evening.

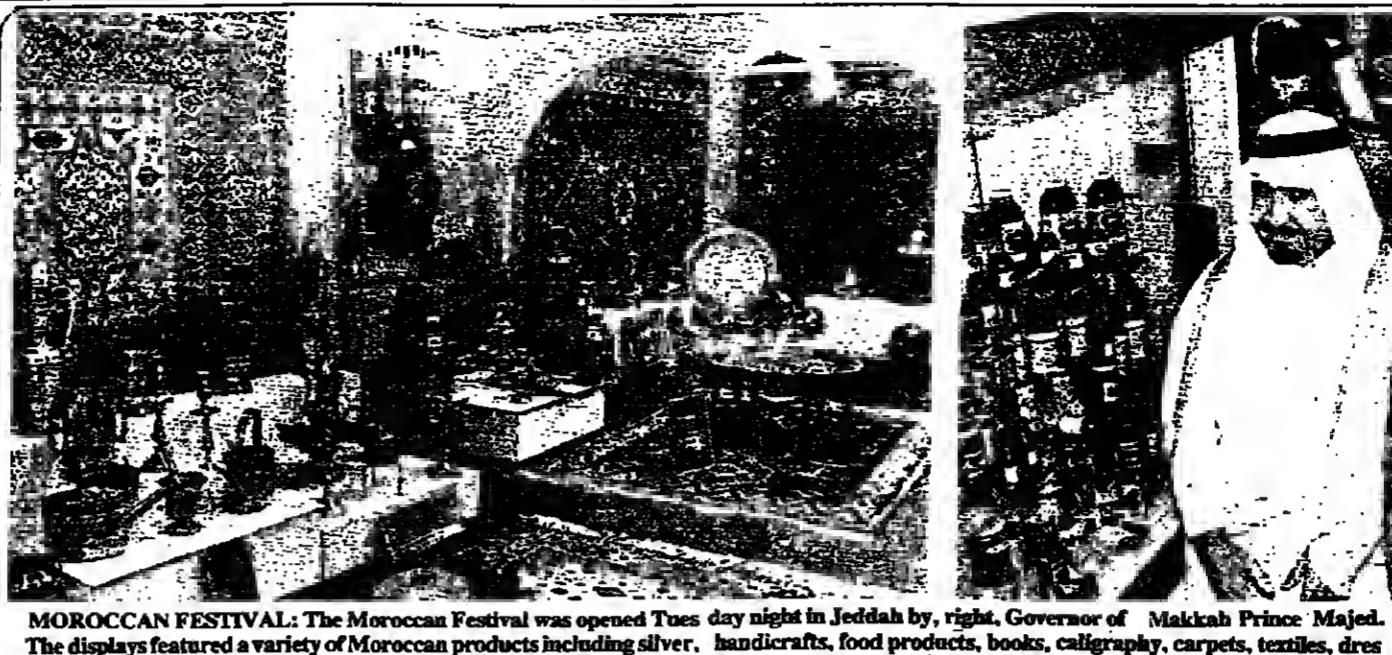
establish direct contacts with the leaders from Saudi Arabian businesses and explore the possibility of promoting steel products from that country. The mission, led by D. Guillermo Larios of the commercial division of UNESID (which represents the entire Spanish steel industry), has met nearly a hundred prominent members of the business community to study their requirements and size up the steel market. The mission will later visit the UAE for the same purpose.

Asked whether any positive results had emerged from such contacts, Fuan A. Pelaez, commercial counselor in the Spanish Embassy of Jeddah, told *Arab News* that this is the first such contact and it is too early to expect concrete results so soon.

"But all the same the response from the Saudi Arabian business community has been encouraging," he said. "In fact, some members of the trade mission are planning to visit again next month to build up these contacts for improving trade relations with the Kingdom."

According to Larios, the export of steel and building materials, the second main item of Spanish export to the Kingdom after cement (in which it tops both in the Kingdom and at the international level) is facing stiff competition from the Far Eastern countries like Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. The problem, he explained, is compounded by the decline in steel consumption while the production has remained nearly the same.

"That is why, at the beginning of the year consumption was decreasing while production began increasing, even though slowly," he said. "Thus it has become necessary to work on opening markets abroad for our products."



MOROCCAN FESTIVAL: The Moroccan Festival was opened Tues. day night in Jeddah by, right, Governor of Makkah Prince Majed. The displays featured a variety of Moroccan products including silver, handcrafts, food products, books, calligraphy, carpets, textiles, dices, leather work, furniture and cosmetics. Prince Majed was welcomed by a folk troupe and shown around the exhibition by Moroccan Ambassador Dr. Moulay Gine L. Adigine Aloui and other officials. The exhibit will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. until Dec. 2. It will be open for women only on Sunday.

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Bilateral relations

JAKARTA, (SPA) — Indonesian Vice-President Adem Malek received Wednesday

visiting Saudi Arabian Foreign Undersecretary for Economic Affairs Abdullah Alireza. Bilateral relations were reviewed during the meeting. Alireza is leading the Kingdom's delegation to the joint Saudi-Indonesian Commission's meeting which began here Monday. Alireza conferred separately Tuesday with Foreign Minister Kesoma Tamadeja and Economy, Finance and Industry Organization Minister Jawid Nisa Satru.

Australian mission

RIYADH — An Australian economics and trade mission will meet today with the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Australia at

the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Talks will involve the establishment of new trade ties with Australia.

SAFCO production

DAMMAM, (SPA) — Saudi Fertilizers Company (SAFCO) production during the last 11 months of this year has totaled 306,592 metric tons, an increase of 4,785 tons compared with the same period last year. According to a company report released Wednesday, the rise in production is due to improvement in operation and maintenance as well as to the sincere efforts of workers and management.

The report noted that 50 percent of the work force is made up Saudi Arabians and 90 percent of production is exported.

OAPEC discussions

KUWAIT, (SPA) — The ministerial council of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) met here Wednesday to discuss, among other things, the feasibility of petro-protein production. Other items expected to be discussed include general budgets for the various OAPEC establishments.

Kindergarten built

QATIF, (SPA) — The Qatif Social Service Center is constructing kindergartens here this year which will cost SR2 million. Center Director Mansour Hallal said the kindergartens plan is part of construction and social projects being implemented by the center in collaboration with the local committee.

Other projects include sports facilities in the village of Toubah and Hali Muhaish. Already underway are sports competitions organized by the center. Hallal said, while a program of cultural and social contests begins next week.



Minister leads team to Tunis talks

RIYADH, Nov. 24 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil leaves for Tunisia Friday to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the 33rd session of the Arab Economic Council. The two-day meeting begins in Tunis Saturday.

The Saudi delegation comprises representatives of the foreign, industry and electricity, commerce and finance and national economy ministries.

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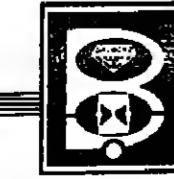
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Mitterrand-Mubarak talks focus on M.E. peace quest

CAIRO, Nov. 24 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand, who was quoted in Egyptian newspapers as favoring a Palestinian state on the West Bank, arrived Wednesday on a three-day visit expected to focus on Middle East peace efforts.

After a welcoming ceremony at Cairo International Airport, Mitterrand and his host, President Hosni Mubarak, sped off by motorcade for Kubbeh Palace, where they conferred privately for 70 minutes with only

EEC chief urges Israeli flexibility

BRUSSELS, Nov. 24 (AP) — The European Community's Middle East envoy urged the Israeli government to abandon "damaging" settlements policies and show more flexibility in its relations with Palestinians.

The Israeli government must change its policies if we are to establish good relations in this area," Danish Foreign Minister Uffe-Eemann-Jensen told reporters after a meeting of Common Market foreign ministers today.

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their interpreters present. The two issued no statement following the private session, held in an oak-paneled office.

While the two presidents were meeting, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson was conferring with his Egyptian counterpart, Kamal Hassan Ali, and with Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Butros Ghali. "We discussed the Lebanese crisis and the Egyptian and French relations, and the question of ending Israeli and foreign occupation of Lebanon," Ali said in a statement after the session.

We reviewed efforts for a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem and President Reagan's initiative. We also surveyed the situation in Africa and as you know, Egypt as an African country is deeply concerned with the current divisions on the African scene."

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Egypt denies freezing ties with Israel

CAIRO, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — President Hosni Mubarak denied in an interview published Wednesday that Egyptian-Israeli relations were frozen and said Israel was claiming this in hope for "increased cooperation." Mubarak told the French television that under no condition will Egypt accept Israeli preconditions on the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Israel before they start talks on the disputed border area of Taba. The interview was carried by the Middle East News Agency.

"I do not see anything strange or that relations are frozen as they (Israel) claim. We recalled our ambassador for consultations. I do not think there is any freeze like the Israeli claim but they say so because they want to ask for increased cooperation," Mubarak said.

Egypt recalled its Ambassador Saad Murtada on Sept. 20 to protest the continued Israeli presence in Lebanon and the massacre of Palestinian refugees in West Beirut.

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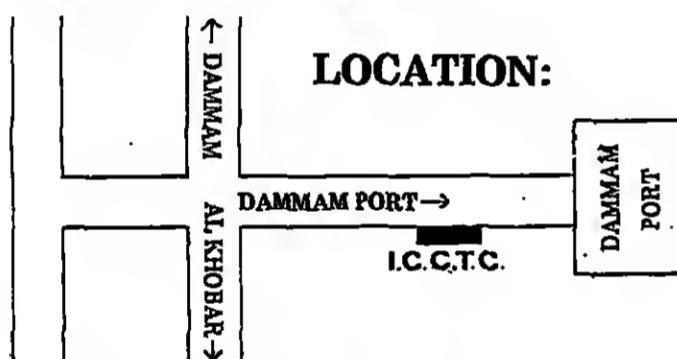


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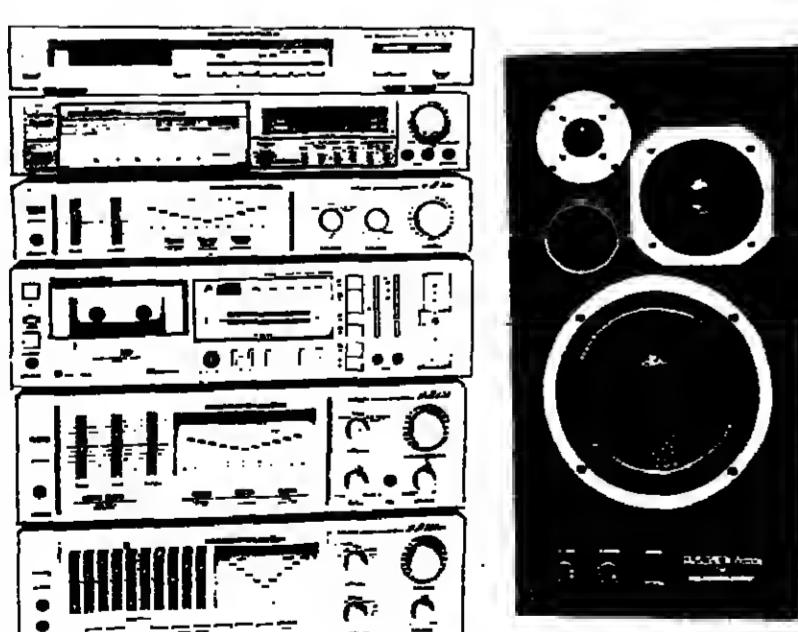
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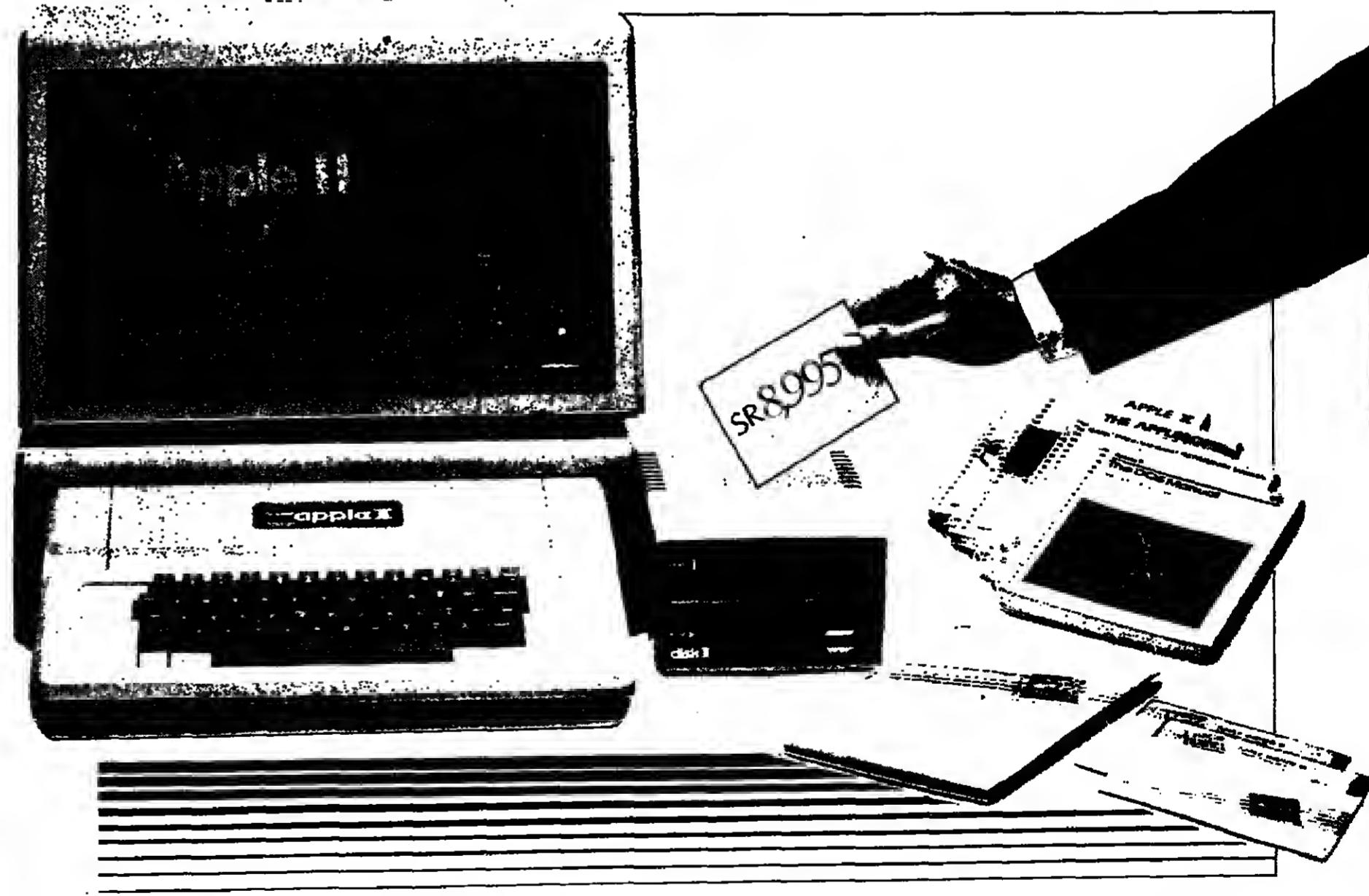
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GATT CONFERENCE

The 88 states which began a meeting in Geneva yesterday under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) have a lot to worry about with the global recession appearing unlikely to recede in the foreseeable future.

This has led to certain protectionist tendencies to offset the severe losses that some countries have incurred in the past few years. The good old days ushered in by GATT in encouraging the free flow of trade may now be a thing of the past.

While the U.S. is warning against a potential trade war which could do immense harm, Japan is quite likely to come under intense pressure to ease its export onslaught and open the country up more widely to imports from its trading partners. So far, Japan has been a selfish partner who wants unfettered freedom to swamp the world with its products while allowing only minor imports to its own markets. Its rate of unemployment is almost zero against a two-digit one in the West.

The result has been high rates of unemployment in Europe and the U.S. and greater poverty in the Third World and it was no pure rhetoric that prompted the director general of the Food and Agricultural Organization to lament the mounting misery of the world's poor countries.

"In fact," he said "we can see what amounts to progressive impoverishment of the already poor Third World". Addressing the opening session of the organization's 49-state council, Edward Soama said that the heavy debts and rising food bills as well as unfavorable terms of trade have become worse over the last few years.

Their plight has hardly been helped by Western trade and aid policies, unrealistic exchange rate fluctuations and the overvalued U.S. dollar, not to forget the rampant corruption and political instability of many of them.

If protectionism is dreaded by the industrial states, except when it is directed against Japan, the GATT conference must find a way to alleviate the suffering of the poorer members some of whom have already achieved the dubious distinction of hurtling rapidly below the poverty line recognized by the United Nations.

Saudi Arabian press review

Wednesday's newspapers heralded the positive outcome of King Fahd's visit to Algeria and said it was another milestone in strengthening Arab solidarity and healing Arab rifts.

Commenting on the joint communiqué issued at the end of King Fahd's three-day visit to Algeria, *Al-Riyad* said it projected joint political dimensions which placed Arab interests high on the agenda of priorities and collective action.

Al-Jazirah said King Fahd's leading role in ironing out Arab differences and mobilizing Arab potential was aimed at serving the Arab nation's decisive cause, namely the Palestine question.

The paper referred to King Fahd's many useful diplomatic initiatives, saying a unified Arab peace plan adopted by the Arab League was the latest such initiative. It described King Fahd's talks with President Chadli Benjedid as fruitful and constructive.

Al-Bilad said King Fahd's talks in Algiers had given new dimensions to moves to strengthen the Arab potential to counter challenges threatening the Arab and



Brezhnev ignored KGB advice against Afghanistan invasion

By Michael Simmons

Moscow's decision to back the seizure of power in Afghanistan was taken by the late President Brezhnev against the specific advice of the KGB, then headed by Yuri Andropov, who has just succeeded him as Soviet leader. As a result, the Soviets are now embroiled in a war they "cannot win and cannot abandon."

These views emerge in an interview, published and given shortly before Brezhnev's death by Vladimir Kuzichkin, a serving KGB officer in Tehran until last June when he defected to live in Britain. The interview took place at an unspecified meeting place in London and appeared in *Time* magazine.

Kuzichkin, who describes Afghanistan as Moscow's "Vietnam", says he sees no prospect of the

Soviet troops withdrawing from the country in the foreseeable future. He depicts Brezhnev as an autocratic leader, apparently lacking in sound judgment and willing to disregard the views of KGB and army officers involved.

The suggestion, even though it clearly cannot be officially confirmed, that Brezhnev may have ignored KGB advice is particularly significant now that Andropov is in power. The implication is that there was fundamental disagreement between the Brezhnev and Andropov factions of the policy-making Politburo which could, with the change that has now occurred in the Soviet leadership, herald a change in policies relating to Afghanistan.

The KGB view of Afghanistan, even is the late 1970s, was, according to Kuzichkin, that it should be left to stew in its own juice, and that it could do

no credit either to the Soviet Union or to the Communist cause. "But Mr. Brezhnev and his colleagues," he says, "brushed aside the vitally important warnings which the KGB was giving them — and disaster ensued."

Brezhnev is also said to have ignored the KGB's "tactical" explanation that a Communist takeover in Afghanistan presented "grave problems" and that to make Muhammad Taraki the country's leader would be "a disastrous choice." Taraki finished in power, slaughtering "any opposition within his reach," and telling Moscow "to mind its own business." Brezhnev, in the Kuzichkin version, "would do nothing to stop this slaughter."

When Amin "seemingly emerged from nowhere" to be Taraki's deputy, the KGB view was that he would, once in power, expel the Soviet

Union lock, stock and barrel from Afghanistan. "Despite our warnings — and to our complete amazement," says the defector, "Mr. Brezhnev backed Amin. Taraki stepped straight from the presidency to his grave. Moscow was willing to turn a blind eye to that."

Kuzichkin does not once mention Andropov by name but gives interesting insights, assuming his version is a true one, of how the KGB operates. He talks of the Soviet soldiers assassinating Amin as all wearing Afghan uniforms, of Amin's cook being a KGB agent, and of Babrak Karmal, the present Afghan leader, as "a KGB agent."

He argues that the Soviets, who are now reported to have more than 100,000 troops in Afghanistan, went into the country because the Politburo thought the Muslim revolution there could succeed. They had overestimated the willingness of the Afghan Army to fight and underestimated Afghan resistance.

"Now no-one in the USSR is happy," he concludes. "Soviet troops are bogged down, and Karmal has not established effective leadership." (The *Guardian*)

Letter to the editor

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Galtieri blames others for Falklands defeat

By Jimmy Burns

BUENOS AIRES

Argentina's former President Leopoldo Galtieri has sought to exculpate himself from the humiliations of the Falklands war in a series of lengthy interviews for a new book. In a chapter leaked to the mass circulation weekly *Gente*, Galtieri implicitly blames Gen. Mario Benjamin Menendez, the former military governor of Port Stanley, and other field commanders for the defeat.

In one of the most outspoken accounts of the war to have emerged publicly in Argentina, Galtieri claims that both he and other members of the junta acted throughout the war according to the information that Menendez forwarded to Buenos Aires, and that on no occasion did the military governor ask for reinforcements.

According to Galtieri, only once was a request made by an Argentine field commander: "The general (not named) assured me that all that was required were 10,000 pairs of boots and 10,000 pairs of long-johns. Nothing else. The man asked for absolutely nothing else..."

As for diplomatic failures during the war, the former president puts much of the blame on his fellow junta members and on the former foreign minister, Nicanor Costa Menendez. He claims that while the whole of the leadership backed the April 2

invasion, only he suggested that Argentina should seek a ceasefire once the United States announced it would give military help to Britain. The suggestion, which might have averted the war, was turned down by Air Force Commander Brig. Basilio Lami Dozo, Navy Commander Admiral Jorge Anaya, and Costa Menendez, he says.

In one of the most controversial parts of the book, Galtieri dismisses Argentina's military losses (in terms of men killed and wounded) as greatly exaggerated. "Just take a look at the average list of road accidents in Argentina," he says, claiming that Argentina war deaths were no worse.

Galtieri's remarks are understood to have broken a pact made by the three members of the former junta and by Costa Menendez soon after the end of the war. This was that none would publicize his views without mutual agreement, and that if any major revelation was to be made it should be in a book written by all four.

Galtieri's former partners in power are believed to be furious. Although the former president has issued a public denial that he is responsible for the book, sources say the text presented to *Gente* forms part of a transcript of hours of interviews recorded by two Argentine journalists in a series of secret meetings at Galtieri's Buenos Aires home.

Menendez has already issued a series of state-

ments denying the suggestion that he alone was responsible for the conduct of the war and that Galtieri had no part in the military strategy. Menendez is understood to have asked for reinforcements throughout the war but his requests were nearly always "ignored" by Buenos Aires. Menendez points out that Galtieri, along with the present army chief, Gen. Cristina Nicolaides, visited the islands after the invasion and had as much knowledge of the situation as he had.

Menendez is reported to reflect the views of a number of generals and junior and middle-ranking officers who believe that in the post-mortem conducted so far on the war, former members of the junta and other senior officers based on the mainland have slipped too easily off the hook.

This dissatisfaction appears to have led to the announcement by the new junta that it is setting up a fresh inquiry into the war.

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Aquino to continue battle against Marcos

By Paul Iacanna

the Philippine left distrusts him as a member of the political elite, who "reduces the root cause of all our problems to the uncertainty of tenure of the present martial law regime. Either he is so naive or chooses to ignore the fact that the Filipino nation is struggling for liberation against imperialist domination."

Still, Aquino maintains that the outlawed National Democratic Front (a left-leaning grouping of anti-government forces, including the Communists) "has sent out feelers to say that now our main difference, which is the American question, has gone. The (U.S. military) bases must be out. The enemy is American imperialism."

But in a controversial letter to former Senator Lorenzo M. Tanada leaked to the press two months ago, he insisted that for tactical reasons, it is not wise to openly admit any Communist connections or even alliance because this would trigger the most intense U.S. reaction.

"If we openly admit our hatred for America and make as one of our major planks the immediate closure of U.S. bases, Marcos will get all the assistance from Washington the same way (El Salvador) junta is getting all the assistance today."

He is a seemingly defeated man, an exile with an expired visa, the 49-year-old former darling of the Philippine Congress one year away from the new constitutional 50-year-old limit to qualify for the presidency. Manila still remembers the April 1978 "noise" demonstration on the eve of the last National Assembly polls when Aquino ran in what critics say was a heavily rigged election. The night before, city residents poured into streets and in houses and created as much racket lasting well into midnight.

Aquino is presently a fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard here, where he lives with his family. After he was allowed by Marcos to go to the U.S. for heart surgery — after more

than seven years in prison — Aquino has been busy in Harvard, meeting various Filipino opposition groups, doing the lecture circuit, as well as writing two books.

He told *Deptnews* he was withholding their publication on the advice of friends who felt it is too premature. "In other words, the books might create more enemies than friends. And I felt that if I cannot publish the books in all candor, I might as well hold back." The books, he said, "will call a spade a spade. I'm not only blaming Marcos. I'm blaming a raft of many leaders for the debacle in the Philippines."

He won't reveal yet what's in the books, saying instead the Filipinos did not regret the abolition of congress in 1972 because they have lost faith on it anyway. "It is a self-examination of the political system, where we failed, and then hopefully, knowing our mistakes, we won't repeat them."

Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has requested Harvard, which agreed, for Aquino's transfer to MIT's Center for International Studies where he will try to set up a Center for Southeast Asian Studies. "I find this move propitious," he said, "because I have already gotten what I want to get (in Harvard) and I needed a new environment."

Aquino looks healthy and hearty, his boyish face and grin still having the confidence of a political veteran and sophisticate. He is as fast-talking as ever, his stomach hinting a middle age belly. And he aches to get back home.

"Mr. Marcos has ruined my family," he said. "They took 14 of our corporations, they took away the bank, it's all right. He reduced me to almost a pauper for seven years. I sold all of my assets. I went to America with \$50. But I managed. The standards of living may have suffered, but it's okay." (Deptnews)

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Al-Sawda--an enchanting beauty spot in Asir Mountains

By Radha Barari

Fifteen thousand years ago, much of Arabia was grassland, with a more moderate climate and greater rainfall. The deep wadis of today were carved out by the eroding action of the runoff from the highlands. One such valley is the Wadi Hali below the Al-Sawda region in the Asir Mountains. Overlooking the Wadi is a jutting hilltop that provides, perhaps, one of the most breathtaking views of Saudi Arabia.

The Asir National Park, designed for the conservation of the flora and fauna of the region, lies virtually adjacent to the Wadi. Apart from conservation, the project also aims at the beautification of the area and the creation of camping sites and picnic spots that will give visitors a chance to enjoy, at leisure, the superb natural beauty of the countryside. Much has been done to improve the view from the top of the hill overlooking the Wadi, so that people may use this as a vantage point to survey and appreciate the grandeur of the scene.

This beauty spot in the mountains may be approached by the road that winds through the hills from Abha. A sudden bend in the road provides a lovely glimpse of water, still and blue, surrounded by houses nestled in the hillsides. Further on, one passes the lush greenery of the farming areas, and the unique slate-eaved houses that are typical of the villages in this region. A road branches off toward the camping sites. On the left, another road leads to a specially created picnic spot. Above this, the road heads for a wide bay on the hilltop, directly above the Wadi Hali.

Rows of cars in the gravel car park give way to a shallow ledge that protects the edge of the hilltop. Along this low wall, a number of telescopes have been placed at strategic points to give the onlooker a closer and sharper view of the gorgeous scene in front of him.

Below the ledge, which follows the rim of the escarpment, the hillside falls away sharply, and gets lost in the deep canyon or "wadi", that has carved its winding, tortuous course along the base of the mountains. A number of hills raise their rugged shoulders on either side of the chasm, fading away in the distance in a haze of cloudy mist.

The hillsides are cloaked in exquisite greenery. The twisted branches of numerous trees rise above rocks and boulders that are partially concealed by shrubs. The sharp, cold mountain air is stinging and invigorating. The hilltops are bathed in sunlight, while the deep cleft is hidden in shadowy gloom. Far away, clouds drift across the misty horizon. The onlooker's first reaction will be a gasp of delight at the sheer splendor of the scene. An eye at the telescope and the distant hills suddenly seem close enough to touch. The swirling mist is no longer far away. Rocks and foliage appear in sharp focus. The little path winding down-ward, toward the picnic spot, can be seen in vivid detail. The abyss is only a step away.

There is something primeval about this lonely valley, surrounded by hills. In ancient times, the lowlands in the valley were the hunting grounds of primitive tribesmen and a camping site for nomads. When threatened by the weather, these wandering groups would move up the slopes and seek refuge on the mountaintops, which were secure from floods.

Down the ages, traveling in this area has been a major problem. The tall cliffs and deep valleys have always acted as a natural barrier. In olden days, there were only a few points where caravans could negotiate the steep escarpment. The Wadi Hali provided one such route. Coming up the wadi, the caravans would be able to climb over the edge of the escarpment.

The Al-Sawda escarpment experiences regular, heavy rainfall. Moist air from the Red Sea, moving inland, rises as it reaches the hills. The corresponding drop in temperature causes the formation of clouds which shed their moisture in frequent stormy spells. For the rain lover, these downpours can be exhilarating. Floods, however, can wreak havoc in the wadis. Sometimes, during a sudden heavy storm, water gushes down the smaller wadis, to swell the torrents in the larger ones. Huge boulders may be carried away by the force of the flood, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. The erosion caused by these floods may well alter the landscape in the years to come. Rocks and cliffs are imperceptibly worn away by the dissolving action of raindrops striking the surface of the slope. Particles of sand and soil are, slowly but steadily, being carried into the wadis below, by the flow of rain water down the hillside. These changes are too gradual to be noticed, but the process is inexorable.

To stem the floods in the Asir region, the Ministry of Agriculture has launched a scheme to build several dams in the area. These projects, while giving protection against floods, are designed to store the excess rain water and distribute it to agricultural areas.

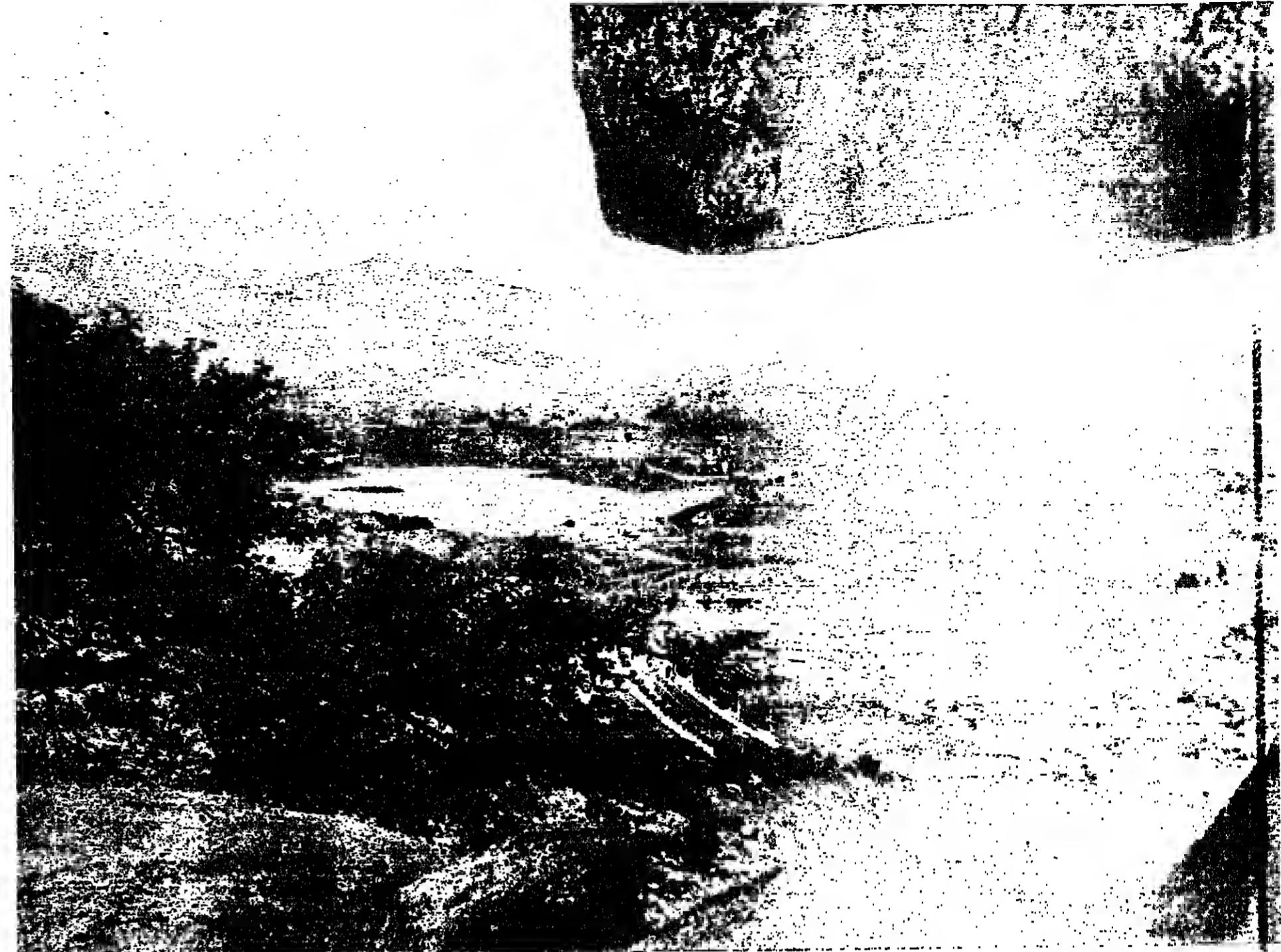
For the bird-watcher, the telescopes above the wadi have a special significance. The wadi is the home of giant scavengers like the Griffon-Vulture and the Black Kite. These tawdry birds of prey can often be seen soaring above the cliffs. Using their powerful wings, and the strong currents of air passing over the escarpment, they can remain suspended in midair for hours. The Abha highlands also provide haven to certain other species that are the ornithologist's delight, including the golden-winged Grosbeak, the Arabian Accentor and the Yemen thrush.

On a holiday, the place is crowded with tourists who stand, gazing in fascination, at the enchanting beauty of the scene in front of them. The telescopes are in constant use. Here and there, small benches have been thoughtfully provided, for the convenience of those who wish to enjoy the view at leisure. A long figure may sometimes be seen sitting on a rock and musing in solitude. A little, steep path leads down into the picnic area, carpeted with bright green grass and shaded by clumps of trees. There is open space for children to play, and plenty of room for families to enjoy their outing in privacy. In contrast to the deep, silent valley and the quiet, peaceful hilltop, this picnic area reverberates with noise and movement. The aroma of food drifts upward, to the onlookers on the hilltop, and the groups of holidaymakers look like small, colorful dots against the green hillside.

Across the road from the picnic spot is the camping ground that is one of the highlights of the area. A number of exquisite camping sites have been created, to give campers and hikers a chance to make the most of these idyllic surroundings.

In the years to come, the Al-Sawda region, already drawing crowds, may well become one of the foremost tourist attractions in Saudi Arabia.

Photographs by Giovanni Pasquale



THE WADI HALI: A panoramic view of the Wadi Hali below the Al-Sawda region in the Asir Mountains. Overlooking the wadi is a jutting hilltop.



ROCKS AND BOULDERS: The twisted branches of trees rise above rocks and boulders that are partially concealed by shrubs. Left: These unique houses are typical of the villages in the Al-Sawda region.

Winter chill creeps into Peking ties with foreigners

By Tony Walker

PEKING (Depthnews) — A British diplomat recently had his hair pulled and his car rocked back and forth by a group of Chinese because he drove by mistake through the wrong entrance of Peking's Imperial Palace.

"It was a frightening experience," said the diplomat whose wife and parents were in the car with him, "because at one stage, I felt the car may be tipped over."

Like winter itself which is descending on Peking, a chill appears to have crept into relationships between foreigners and the Chinese. "There's a wave of unhelpfulness at the moment in shops and other places of contact," observed one longtime resident who is fluent in Chinese. But there appears no simple explanation for present difficulties, except that the authorities are continuing their campaign against what is termed "bourgeois liberalism" and its foreign "decadent" manifestations such as dancing and popular music.

It is rumored that new instructions have been issued to Chinese that contacts with foreigners be limited to matters involving work. Socializing with them is frowned upon. But as irony would have it, this coincides with a campaign by the Chinese leadership to persuade the world that China is opening up to foreign investment.

In the past 12 months there have been a number of incidents which underline the

uncertainty that continues to surround normal day to day contact between foreigners and locals. One foreign journalist has stopped seeing his Chinese friends whom he'd cultivated over several years. "It's not worth the effort," he says. The recent case involving the French diplomat Sylvie Bernmann is typical of the often seemingly capricious response by the authorities to contacts between foreigners and locals. Miss Bernmann's car was stopped in a Peking street and her Chinese friend, who had been riding in the car, was taken away by members of a neighborhood militia group. No explanation was given for this apparently arbitrary action.

There was also the case recently of an American television correspondent, Jim Laurie, and Colleen Leung, his Chinese-Canadian friend. They were subjected to several hours of questioning in Laurie's hotel room because security officials assumed Miss Leung was a local Chinese.

Contacts between foreign men and local Chinese women are actively discouraged by the authorities, who put up all sorts of roadblocks in the way of such liaisons. Recently the Chinese fiancee of a British journalist working for an English language Chinese publication was whisked away for questioning by public security officials. The couple applied for a marriage permit several months ago, but have not yet received permission.

It can take months for permission to be granted. There are also certain categories of

Chinese expressly forbidden from marrying foreigners. These are Chinese who may have had access to what is regarded as secret information, even though the levels of classification of this information may be very low.

The attitude of Chinese officials appears to be that all unpublished material constitutes a state secret. The recent case of the American teacher, Lisa Wichser, is an example of Chinese sensitivity about such material.

Authorities alleged that Miss Wichser was in possession of classified documents gathered in the course of her study of Chinese economics. She was arrested and expelled. A fluent Chinese speaker, Miss Wichser freely admitted that she had gathered background material in her field of study, but said she was unaware that the material was classified.

Peking's foreign community feels that Miss Wichser may have been penalized not so much because of her alleged possession of classified documents, but because she had a Chinese fiancee who was the son of a senior official.

The most dramatic case in the past year of intervention by the authorities in a romantic entanglement involving a foreigner and a Chinese was that of the French diplomat Emmanuel Belletroff and Li Shuang, his fiancee. When Belletroff was away from Peking, authorities "ambushed" Miss Li outside one of Peking's foreigner's compounds. She ended up in a re-education through labor

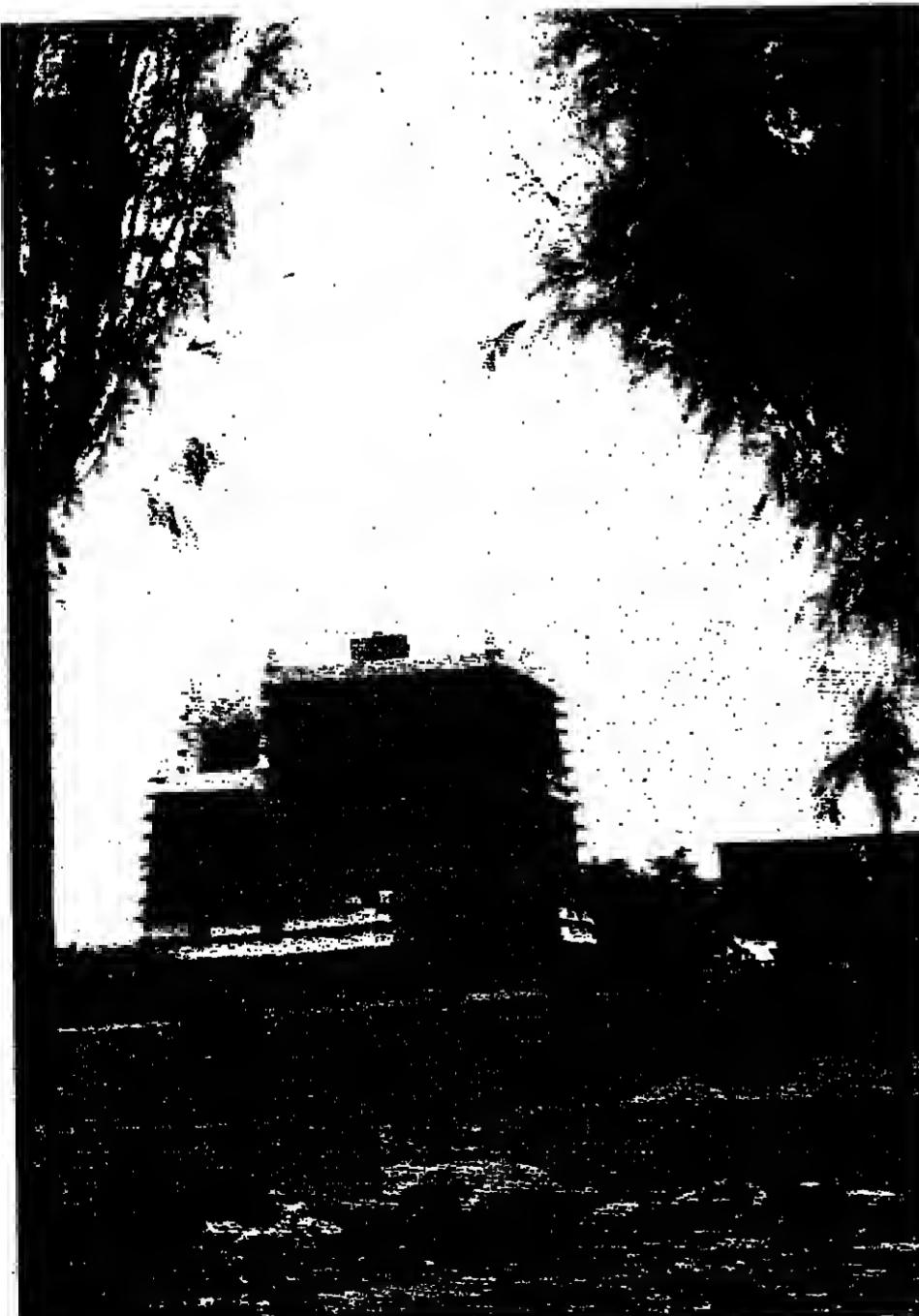
camp. No public explanation was given at the time for the police action.

Chinese newspapers keep up persistent criticism of certain foreign influences which are regarded as decadent. Particular targets at the moment are popular music and dancing. Dancing has effectively been banned. In Peking, what passed for the city's only nightclubs was closed earlier this year and dancing by foreign residents at the International Club have been stopped.

Even jazz is frowned upon. A band which played a little ragtime and some old favorite like "Smile, smile in your eyes" and "In the mood" at a Shanghai hotel has recently stopped playing. The explanation of the band management: the bar in which the band played has been closed for renovation. A guidebook to Western music was recently issued in Peking by the *Peoples Music Press*. The rhythm of jazz, it said, "is against the psychological needs of man."

What is almost certainly causing Chinese authorities most heartburn at the moment is the recent spate of defections. China was flatly angered by the case of Hu Nan, a Chinese tennis player, who sought asylum in the United States earlier this year.

Chinese intellectuals are worried that these cases will make it more difficult for them to study overseas, a dream of many a China's best qualified people. A scientist in a recent conversation said he feared restrictions to study outside the country would become more severe.



Revival of herb fair

Koreans still rely on traditional healing methods

By Hong Sung-pyo

SEOUL, (Yonhap) — They say it's a long road that has no turning, and there are many signs that Western medical science, newly aware of the efficacy of acupuncture, is beginning, at last, to turn East. With the recent news that in the United States a scientific study will be made of herbal remedies gathered from all over the world, that road could have taken a short-cut straight to the annual autumn herb fair on Namson-ro Street in Taegu, South Korea: fair, first opened in the 17th century by royal decree, where you can find the accumulated wisdom of more than 2,000 years of the use of *hanyak* or herbs.

The herb fair is an experience not to be missed. It announces itself to the visitor in its pungent and fragrant scents even before he passes under the entrance and jostles against other eager customers searching for favorite remedies along the 600-meter-long row of shops and booths, festive with flags and colored lanterns.

Herbal medicine and other Oriental healing methods are believed to have been introduced from China to Korea even before the beginning of the Three Kingdoms period (57 B.C. 936 A.D.) on the peninsula. However, it was not until the middle of the Three King-

doms period that Korea started to publish its own pharmacopoeia with original prescriptions which combined Korean and Chinese medical knowledge. As was the case in most other cultural aspects, Korea fathered traditional Japanese medicine when a Korean physician settled in Japan in the fifth century. The use of indigenous herbs came into prominence during the Koryo (936-1392) and Yi (1392-1910) dynasties. More than 150 medical annuals were published during the Yi dynasty.

Oriental medicine includes not only *hanyak* but also acupuncture and moxibustion. Acupuncture consists of the insertion into the skin and underlying tissues of a metal needle, either hot or cold. The site of the insertion is chosen to affect a particular organ or organs. Moxibustion involves making a small, moistened cone (moxa) of powdered leaves of mugwort, or wormwood, applying it to the skin, igniting it, and then crushing it into the blister so formed. Other substances are also used for the moxa. The practice is often associated with acupuncture.

The essence of the Oriental healing arts is *hanyak* therapy, however. The purpose of drugs in Oriental medicine is mainly to restore the harmony of the Yin and Yang, the dualistic cosmic powers. According to this theory, the health of a man is determined by the preponderance, at the time, in the body of the Yin or the Yang. In the body, their proportion can be controlled, and this is the great aim of the traditional Oriental medicine. While Western medicine aims chiefly to attack the symptoms of disease after they occur, Oriental healing art strives to establish the balance of chemical and magnetic constituents in the body to maintain good health.

Some of the common ingredients used in prescriptions are iris root for feeble-mindedness, snakeberry leaves to help regulate the menstrual cycle, and chrysanthemum roots to cure headaches.

Not all of *hanyak* materials are vegetable, though. The *ateria medica* is very extensive and consists of vegetable, animal (including human), and mineral remedies. *Nokyong* (deer antler) and *angdum* (bear bladder) have long been considered among a few miraculous medicines, and are dealt at very high prices.

Tongubogam, a medical book compiled by a 17th century court doctor named Ho Jun, lists 1,400 kinds of drug stuffs. The list includes 55 kinds of remedies obtained from stones, 95 kinds from insects, 33 kinds from metals, 18 kinds from earth and 23 kinds from various parts of human body. However, the majority (743 kinds) are vegetable.

Each one on the list assumes certain medical effects in its single use; however, several ingredients are used together in practical usage to obtain an enhanced effect. For example, a prescription for anemia is a for-



HERBAL SHOP : An employee chopping up some *hanyak* ingredients for storage in his shop in the Kyongdong market in Seoul.

mula of four herbs, including roots of angelica and white peony. Sometimes a prescription may include ten or more ingredients.

Decoction is the most popular method of using *hanyak*. Fragmented herbs and other materials are steeped in an earthen-ware pot (metal is said to deplete medical potency) over a low burning charcoal for at least an hour or two until an essence is thus extracted. Pills, powder and ointment are also used.

Cultivating and trading *hanyak* materials had so a close relationship with national health in the olden days that the Yi dynasty King Sejong, who invented the Korean alphabet, even ordered "collecting herb songs" to be composed, versifying the delicate skills needed in cultivating and treating them.

Ever since the herb fair of Taegu was first opened in the late 1650s by royal order, the fair was held twice a year, in the spring and in

the fall for 10 days each, until it was discontinued in the 1940s by the Japanese rulers for some political reasons. The fair was revived in 1978 as an annual autumn event. In the herb street, there are now some 130 *hanyak* related shops. The revival of the fair seems to reflect the people's renewed interest and respect in *hanyak*. It is an encouraging sign for the future of traditional Oriental medicine in this country.

Modernization does not simply pass by traditional medicine, either. Recently, methods to extract useful ingredients from raw *hanyak* materials and granulate them for easy use and distribution have been developed. With the new products one can just add water, and save the two hours needed to decoct it.

Science also brings changes to the methods of diagnosis. In traditional diagnosis, detailed questions are asked about the history of the illness and the patient's taste, smell, dreams, etc. Attention is paid to the quality of the voice, and far-reaching conclusions are drawn from it. Note is made of the color of the face and of the tongue.

The most important part of the investigation, however, is the examination of the pulse. Three fingers are used to feel the radial artery at the wrist. As mentioned above, health depends on the harmonious balance of Yin and Yang. If the flow in the body of one of these principles is obstructed, disharmony and disease result. And it is asserted that the state of the pulse indicates the point at which obstruction in the body has occurred.

In addition to these traditional means of diagnosis, some modernized Oriental medical clinics utilize all kinds of advanced equipment in checking and testing patients to draw a more accurate conclusion as to their conditions. There are now five Oriental medical colleges and attached hospitals throughout the country, which offer one excellent medical care both scientific and traditional.

Despite the pervasiveness of Western medicine, introduced to the country in the late 1800s, *hanyak* remains extremely popular. Besides the above-mentioned Namson-ro Street in Taegu, there are numerous *hanyak* shops along Chong-no 5-ka Street in downtown Seoul and near Kyongdong Market in eastern Seoul. One or two *hanyak* practitioners or dealers can be found on any Korean street, with their window display of fascinating *hanyak* materials, including *insam* (ginseng), *nokyong* and other raw herbs.

One can even find himself at most tea houses being served a *hanyak* porion called a time-honored formula of eight different herbs for curing illness caused by fatigue. In a country where Western and Oriental medicines coexist, one can surely say that Koreans are doubly blessed in a medical sense.

New U.S. study warns against bottle-feeding

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mother who breastfeeds her baby as long as possible and gives it new foods with a spoon or cup instead of a bottle is less likely to get pregnant again soon, according to a new study on fertility.

Dr. Sandi Hoffman, of the school of hygiene and public health, St. John Hopkins University, says American studies on the subject go back to 1972. It has been more recently confirmed in places as far apart as Mexico, Scotland and Iran. Last year *The British Medical Journal* published a report from a city in Scotland which found that the use of bottles speeded up the resumption of menstruation after birth because of the reduction in breast-feeding. In Mexico, a medical observer found that ovulation — the production of an egg in a woman's body — did not begin again among women who gave their babies additional food, but continued to suckle them more than 10 times a day.

In the American study of a decade ago, the babies were given no additional food until they were five months old and no bottles were used. It took 14 months before the women in the experiment began menstruating again. Dr. Hoffman said this suggested that if mothers avoid bottles and pacifiers — and feed their babies at night and off schedule as well — that menstruation would still be delayed, though not so long as when the baby gets little or no extra food.

Recent studies, she reported, show that the period when a baby's mother is unlikely to become pregnant again varies from two months when the baby is bottle-fed to over two years when it is breast-fed. She said studies in Zaire, Canada, Alaska, Kenya, Malaysia and Algeria showed increases in fertility when breast-feeding becomes less frequent or lasts only for a shorter period. She also found that the most important factor influencing natural fertility, aside from the age of a woman at marriage, is the length of time after birth that a mother is unlikely to become pregnant.

Use of baby bottles shortens the time before a mother's menstruation resumes after birth and pregnancy becomes more likely, the paper said. But if breast-feeding is continued while babies get supplemental foods from spoons or cups, menstruation is delayed. Dr. Hoffman said family planning services should prescribe contraceptives cautiously during the period immediately after birth when breast-feeding is being established. Some types of pill (estrogen-progesterone combinations) seem to cut down the production of breast milk. What the breast-feeding mother herself eats appears to have little to do with the matter. But her other activities do.

U.S. spacesuits

to cost \$236M

SPACE CENTER, Houston, Nov. 24 (AP) — Development of the spacesuits that malfunctioned on the last space shuttle flight will cost the government more than 12 times the original \$18.9 million price tag, *The Houston Post* reported.

Figures from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration show that by the time the contract with Hamilton Standard of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, expires in 1985, at least \$236.4 million will have been spent on the suits, the paper said.

The figures showed NASA has already spent \$139.1 million because of changes it ordered and because of delays in the development caused by budget constraints.

Astronauts were preparing for a space walk Nov. 15 when a fan went out on Joe Allen's life support backpack. Shortly after that, a pressure regulator failed on William Lenoir's suit, showing an abnormally low reading. It marked the first time a space walk has been called off because of a suit failure.

The cost of an investigation into the malfunctions will add an undetermined amount to the cost of the suits.

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With debts mounting

Global lending crisis looms, Regan warns

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan said that the world's financial system is in a "very precarious situation" because of the increasing number of developing nations unable to repay their enormous foreign debts.

In a meeting with reporters, Regan said he is "worried" about the international situation, which some financial experts say could develop into a worldwide lending crisis.

Regan said the International Monetary Fund and private bankers have managed to reschedule debts of countries unable to pay on time thus far to avoid banking crisis. But "we are not out of woods by a long shot" he told newsmen.

The IMF already has given tentative approval for multibillion dollar loans to help Mexico and Argentina. The Third World's biggest debtors. Debt problems still must be resolved for many countries including several European and a number of African countries.

The troubles of the developing countries stem from the worldwide recession, which has caused a sharp drop in prices for oil and

other goods that provide much of the Third World's income.

Regan said the key to solving the financial problem is for the U.S. to stage an economic recovery and lead the rest of the world out of the recession. "If the recovery comes sooner than later, we can get by this crisis," he said, adding that if the recession continues for several years the world's financial troubles will grow.

In a related development, a spokesman for the World Bank said that several donor countries meeting Tuesday behind closed doors stressed what he called the "critical importance" of the United States paying its delayed share in a \$12 billion aid fund for poor countries. These, they said, would go a long way in helping the debt-ridden countries.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, declined to say which of the 35 governments made the remarks. He said the United States "responded positively." The U.S. representative at the meeting was Marc E. Leland, assistant secretary of the treasury for international affairs.

Singapore, EEC strike textile accord

BRUSSELS, Nov. 24 (AFP) — Singapore and the European Economic Community (EEC) have reached a bilateral agreement on restraining textile shipments to the community in the period 1983-86, an EEC commission official said Wednesday.

Singapore is the fourth member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to conclude this kind of deal with the EEC. The others were Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia. Negotiations have started with the fifth ASEAN country, Indonesia.

The community eased its position recently by allowing ASEAN countries to share out any of their unused quota amounts. The commission official said no date had been fixed for resuming talks with Hong Kong, Macao and South Korea.

On Monday this week the EEC foreign ministers permitted the commission to ease its stance, in particular on export rises, but they said the overall import ceiling had to stay.

Hong Kong is taking a softer line than in earlier negotiations, but still rejects the EEC demand for a 12 percent cutback in its export quota.

Alternative to Tory policy

Labor unveils job-based plan

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP) — Britain's opposition Labor Party on Tuesday unveiled its economic alternative to Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's tight-money policy, with a target of creating 1,600 jobs a day.

Labor's election platform "program for recovery" calls for a multi-billion pound (dollar) boost in state spending, devaluation of the pound sterling and controls on prices, imports and foreign exchange transactions.

The 60-page document said such a strategy would reduce unemployment from its present post-1930s record level of 3.3 million to less than one million within five years — from 13.8 percent of the work force to about 4 percent.

"The task of reaching an unemployment level of one million over a five-year span is formidable," said the document. "We have to find at least 2 1/2 million jobs that is 1,600 jobs net a day, in every day of this five-year period."

The plan prepared by a team under Labor finance spokesman Peter Shore, diagnosed lack of demand as the principal economic flaw in Mrs. Thatcher's Britain. "The stimulus to the economy must come from two

major sources — achievement of a competitive exchange rate and expansion of the purchase of goods and services by the public sector," Labor said.

Written before the pound's 5 percent slide over the past week, the document calls for a 30-percent devaluation of sterling and an initial 5 billion pound (\$6 million) boost to state spending, increasing to an extra 18 billion pounds (\$29 billion) by the fifth year.

On wages, Labor plans to work with union leaders and industrialists to devise an annual "national economic assessment," determining how much of the country's wealth goes on pay, profits and new investment.

The last Labor government, led by Prime Minister James Callaghan, fell in May 1979 after pay strikes caused a "winter of discontent."

Shore told a news conference there would be no recurrence of the strikes "because of the understanding and the will of those people involved in... getting the economy expanding and reducing unemployment."

Labor would cut interest rates and sales tax in a bid to control the inflationary parts of its strategy, aiming for an annual inflation rate of 8 percent by 1983. It is currently 6.8 percent.

Peking buys 10 Boeings for \$160m

PEKING, Nov. 24 (AP) — Boeing Co. of the United States announced the sale of 10 Boeing 737-200 jetliners to Communist China for about \$160 million and said it planned to have more of its airplane parts made in China.

Meanwhile, Hu Yizhou, deputy director general of China's General Administration of Civil Aviation (CAAC), said civil aviation is booming in China and "we will constantly update our fleet by equipping it with modern aircraft and other advanced aviation facilities."

There are broad prospects for furthering economic cooperation and trade relations between CAAC and all the aircraft manufacturers, including the Boeing Co., he told a news conference.

CAAC has been reported about to buy two more 747 Jumbo jets from Boeing and two DC-9 jetliners from McDonnell Douglas.

He said CAAC's recent annual average growth rate has been 21.6 percent in ton-kilometers, 1981 profit exceeded 100 million yuan (\$50 million) and 1982 profit is expected to exceed that.

Export target eludes Turkey

ANKARA, Nov. 24 (R) — Turkey's rate of export growth has slipped below target this year due to European Economic Community restrictions on Turkish textile products, and a drop in trade with Libya. Trade Minister Kemal Canturk has said.

The spokesman was asked about predictions by bankers that Brazil would seek a standby credit of several billion dollars in the near future to ease problems to servicing its foreign debt.

The debt is unofficially estimated by private economists at around \$85 billion, including short-term obligations.

Finance Minister Emane Galvas said last week Brazil was preparing to withdraw \$500 million under another IMF facility which compensates countries for falls in the prices of their exports.

This type of facility carries no economic conditions while a standby credit would involve an economic program approved by the fund.

Five IMF officials are currently visiting

Brazil on a technical mission to check statistics and evaluate the country's economic situation.

Canturk told the National Consultative Assembly (parliament) that European community restrictions on cotton yarn imports and a ban on T-shirt imports were partly to blame for the slippage.

Another reason was a slump in trade with Libya which, mainly due to depressed world oil prices, bought goods worth \$188 million from Turkey in the first nine months of this year, some \$2 million less than in the same period last year.

Canturk said price rises announced Monday of up to 20 percent for petroleum products were accounted for in government

Shadowy dealings tarnish Lloyd's image

LONDON, Nov. 24 (R) — Lloyd's of London has used the motto "utmost good faith" during the past 300 years.

But faith in the world's biggest insurance market has been shaken by recent scandals that have fuelled a drive for stricter outside surveillance of the club-like Lloyd's operations.

Fraud squad police have been called in to investigate shadowy dealings in which several of the most prominent members of the market were apparently engaged, police sources said. They are alleged to have wrongfully profited by sending their firms' business to companies in which they had secret interests.

The police joined teams of investigators from the department of trade, Lloyd's itself and outside audit and law firms acting on behalf of worried members.

John Wallrock, chairman of Britain's fifth largest brokerage firm, Minet Holdings, shocked Lloyd's this week with an announcement that he had resigned from his 95,000 sterling (\$150,000) a year job.

He quit after he disclosed that he held a

secret stake in reinsurance transactions carried out by Minet, which manages the affairs of 1,800 of the 21,000 members of Lloyd's.

Staunchly defending its own ability to police itself, Lloyd's officials said they hoped to have new rules on disclosure of dealings ready by the start of the new year, under reforms ordered by parliament.

Analysts said the rules are aimed at shedding more light on the often murky affairs of Lloyd's underwriters who can channel funds from a single policy to insure a ship, for example, into scores of companies and partnerships here and abroad.

They normally do this to spread the risk, parcelling out the policy to others in the so-called reinsurance market. In the Minet case, investigators are following the trail of an estimated \$40 million in premiums for reinsurance that went to companies in tax-free states as Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Gibraltar.

Wallrock had assumed the chairmanship of two Minet companies only three weeks after Peter Dixson was asked by Lloyd's to

voluntarily suspend himself from his duties as chairman. Lloyd's said it acted after it received "certain information" on reinsurance placed by the two companies.

This summer, Alexander and Alexander, a leading American insurance broker, filed in court here that four former directors of the Alexander Howden Group, another major Lloyd's firm, owed it some \$55 million. It discovered the "deficiency" after took over Howden.

The American firm contends that some of the money was funnelled to companies in Panama, Bermuda and Liechtenstein that were secretly controlled by the former Howden officials.

The main broker for the 3,800-member group was Ian Posgate, nicknamed "Goldfinger" for his money-making ability. Posgate resigned but has denied the allegations.

The Howden affair started a series of internal audits and investigations as rumors spread about more serious misdeeds in the insurance world that have yet to die down.

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Reagan to raise gasoline tax

WASHINGTON: Nov. 24 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced he will ask Congress to raise the national gasoline tax to finance repairs of the country's deteriorating highways in hopes of boosting

the American economy. The proposal, which has already received advanced support from congressional leaders, comes amid continuing recession with America's roads, sewers and other infrastructure in need of repair and unemployment at its highest rate in more than 40 years. Economists have estimated it would create jobs for 320,000 people.

Reagan told reporters that the details of his proposal had yet to be worked out, but that he had decided to go ahead with the plan first proposed by U.S. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis.

Lewis has suggested a tax of four U.S. cents a gallon (about one cent a liter) as a "user fee" to finance repair of roads and bridges.

The proposal would double the traditionally low U.S. gasoline tax, which has been four cents a gallon since 1959. Individual states impose an additional tax averaging 12 cents a gallon, for an average price at the pump for regular gasoline of \$1.25 a gallon.

Although the program would have the effect of creating jobs, Reagan said, "this is not a jobs bill as such."

Lewis told reporters the proposal would

cost \$27.5 billion over five years. Approximately \$12.5 billion would be devoted to highway repairs, and the rest would go to bridge work, urban and rural road repairs and mass transit, the transportation secretary said.

The chairman of Reagan's council of economic advisers, Martin S. Feldstein, warned the president last week, however, that the additional levy "may actually increase unemployment during the first year of the program."

The question was relegated to the OAPEC judicial panel, which was to meet Dec. 18

under the Saudi Arabian undersecretary for foreign affairs, Sheikh Abdul-Rahman Al-Mansouri.

Iraq had complained to OAPEC that Syria closed the Iraqi oil pipeline that took oil across Syrian territory to shipping terminals on the Mediterranean.

Syria and Iraq, which are ruled by rival wings of the Arab Socialist Baath Party, are members of OAPEC, along with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Qatar and Bahrain. Seven of these countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Qatar, Iraq, Libya and Algeria — double as members of the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Aside from the OAPEC meeting, the Iraqi oil minister told reporters that he and the Kuwaiti oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, agreed Wednesday that the next regular ministerial conference of OPEC be held in Vienna on Dec. 19.

Spain's reserves dip

MADRID, Nov. 24 (R) — Spain's gold and foreign exchange reserves fell provisionally \$800 million in October after falling \$315 million to \$12.9 billion in September, a Bank of Spain official said.

The falls were all in convertible currency. In August reserves rose \$80.2 million while in September, 1981 they rose 119.8 million and in October, 1981 fell 108.7 million.

The official said October was a high oil-importing month and the lowest month of the year for agricultural exports.

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Financial Roundup

Dollar rates suffer setback

J.H. Hammoud

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The dollar eased on the Wednesday exchanges after its reversal of fortunes on Tuesday's markets. The major gains were registered by the Japanese yen and the German mark, but the other continental currencies also rose against the dollar.

The dollar's fall started in New York on Tuesday night when the Federal Reserve's "Fed" fund prime lending rates fell to record lows of 6 1/2 - 7 percent levels and several major U.S. commercial banks reduced their primes to 11 1/2 percent levels. The market began to reassess their short and long-term views on where U.S. dollar interest rates were heading and the consensus that emerged was that the "fed" might cut its discount rate further — probably after Thursday's holiday.

Eurodollar interest rates fell back Wednesday to new lows, taking the one-month rate to 8 1/2 - 9 percent levels and the one-year rate to 10 1/4 - 10 1/2 percent levels. Dealers expect Eurodollar rates to fall further this weekend as pressure mounts on the American central bank to cut back on its interest rates.

The dollar was also affected by the news that there was a one-year record drop in the level of U.S. durable goods ordered for the month of October, as well as a larger than expected rise in the U.S. consumer price index. Once again though, all eyes seemed to be on the discount rate movement.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	410.87
Paris	406.28
Frankfurt	405.97
Zurich	408.75
Hong Kong	403.59

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices traded erratically but at lower levels Wednesday, taking gold to just above the \$400 level and silver fluctuating around the \$9.00 mark. Dealers are still confident that prices can hold, but the uncertainties on the exchange markets are beginning to take their toll on the bullion markets as well.

Locally, Wednesday saw rial deposit rates open at fairly stable levels but the close of business saw some sharp fall in rial rates. The week-fixed dropped to 8 1/4 - 8 1/2 percent while the one-month JIBOR shed 1 percent off Tuesday levels to trade at 8 1/4 - 8 1/2 percent too. Dealers reported that there was a firming of rates in the longer periods with the one-year opening at 9 1/4 - 9 1/2 percent but closing at 10 1/4 percent levels. Few deals were done in these tenors however. The spot rial-dollar exchange price was surprisingly firm at 3.4416-12 levels given the dollar's weakness.

In Europe, the Japanese yen traded at 252.00 levels, up from 258.10 on Tuesday while the German mark rose to 2.5320 levels from 2.5560. The French currency was also stronger but volatile at 7.1860 levels, but the Swiss currency rose in sympathy with the mark to trade up at 2.1860 levels on Tuesday.

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Volvo takes the road to prosperity

GOTEBORG, Nov. 24 (AFP) — Reading Volvo's figures for the first nine months of the year, anybody might think the Swedish economic miracle was still going on.

All the figures are up: Sales, profit, investment, dividends and workforce. Turnover was up 37 percent to 51.5 billion crowns (about \$7 billion), tax-paid profit was 2 billion crowns (about \$260 million) against previous 990 million crowns (\$130 million). Since January some 600 people have been recruited, taking the workforce to 73,600.

In the nine months Volvo sold 235,000 cars, an eight percent improvement and a new all-time high. Ironically the Volvo President Gyllenhammar has been diversifying outside cars with the idea of avoiding over-dependence on the international busi-

ness climate.

At present some 82 percent of turnover is in exports and, like Mercedes, it has not been doing too badly during this crisis so far. Car sales were up 30 percent to 12.5 million crowns (\$1.7 billion), its figures show.

The fact is that Volvos sell cars primarily to people who are cushioned against the crisis to some extent. About 3,000 "760 GLE" cars were sold before it was launched in the United States, which is the top export market.

Another factor is that more than 85 percent of Volvo owners buy another Volvo when they change cars. The group has gained from the dollar's rise on the money markets in the first half of the year to the tune of about \$70 million, stemming from U.S. sales.

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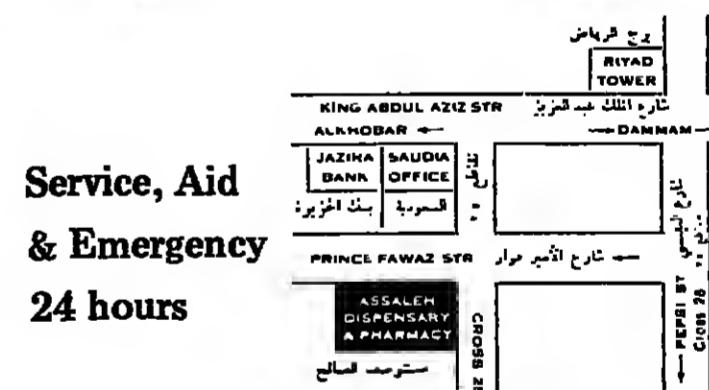
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Amid starvation and squalor

S. Africa whites turn black kids into slaves

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Black children as young as seven are forced to work long hours on South Africa's white-owned farms for little or no wages and in conditions of starvation and squalor, the Anti-Slavery Society said Thursday.

In an 80-page illustrated report on child labor in South Africa, the world's oldest human rights group said it was normal for young black children "to be transported by trucks from bantustans and distributed to white farms where cheap labor is needed."

One local teacher told an Anti-Slavery Society investigator: "It is camouflaged slave labor." The children either accepted the conditions of work or, because of the extreme poverty of their parents, they starved.

The children were often ill-fed and ill-housed by the white farmers, were paid partly or wholly in rotten fruit and worked from sunrise to sunset, the report said.

In the Nigel / Heidelberg area, "the Anti-Slavery Society found a team of about 20 children" some of whom appeared to be no older than nine (they did not know their ages), working in the rain in bean fields. That was at 7 a.m. At twilight they were still in the

same field," it said.

The society officials in the Sekhukhune district of Lebowa Bantustan told its investigator: "Almost anyone who requires cheap labor comes here to pick up young girls. They (local white farmers) pick up any one from 10 years and upward to do anything from agricultural weeding to harvesting."

In one place the investigator found children sleeping in a hollow in the ground. In another, young girls slept in what appeared once to have been stables with holes in the wall for windows.

"There was no toilet or water facilities apart from an outside cold water tap," the report said. "There was no light and fires had to be made on the floors in winter for warmth and light." The children slept on cement beds built into the walls and their only blankets were those they had brought with them.

The Anti-Slavery Society, which has previously published reports on child labor in Morocco, India, Spain, Thailand, Italy and Jamaica, said there were few educational opportunities for black children in South Africa because of a lack of teachers and classrooms and because schooling for blacks was not equal to that of whites and was not free.

The Anti-Slavery Society blamed the situation on the white minority regime's apartheid (racial segregation) policies. "Black children are to be South Africa's labor force and the laws governing them are distinct from those pertaining to white children," the report said.

The Sekhukhune spokesman blamed the situation in his area on "incredible poverty, terrible congestion, unemployment and hunger" resulting from the government's policy of banning blacks from living in white areas and forcing them into poverty-stricken bantustans ("homelands").

The Anti-Slavery Society said that while agriculture was the main employer of young children in South Africa, they were also exploited as servants in white households — "where they are on call for virtually 24 hours a day" — in light industry and as street vendors in towns and cities.

It said that when a mature black maid-servant was asked in one interview how old she had been when she entered domestic service, she replied: "I don't know. I've been a slave for a long time."

Viet hitchhikes to seek asylum

SINGAPORE, Feb. 24 (R) — A former Vietnamese Air Force pilot knocked on the door of the U.S. Embassy in Singapore after walking, swimming, hitchhiking and cycling his way across three countries to seek asylum, said head nurse Cindy Stitz.

After the initial incision, Dietrich cut into the chest of Bernard Schular, 62, of Elmwood, Wisconsin, and moments later revealed his beating heart, interrupting a two-man panel of narrators occasionally to explain what he and the rest of the surgical team at St. Joseph's Hospital were doing.

At the end of the two-hour program, as his surgical team was closing Schuler's chest, Dietrich said: "We're looking forward to this patient's total rehabilitation."

Dietrich said later he didn't expect any post-operative complications and called the surgery itself "pretty much straightforward." Schuler was listed in stable condition in St. Joseph's cardiovascular intensive care unit, said head nurse Cindy Stitz.

After the initial incision, Dietrich used a small power saw, its buzz readily picked up by microphones in the operating room, to cut through the breastbone. He used specialized instruments to spread the chest and rib cage open, sliced the sac surrounding the heart and reveal the heart.

"People are less likely to fear what they know and understand," Dietrich said at the beginning of the broadcast. He said he hoped the program would "relieve anxiety" for those who need such surgery and sensitize others to taking better care of their own hearts.

At least 50 television stations in the United States plus the British Broadcasting Corp. carried the telecast live or via tape delay.

"There's nothing more beautiful than the human heart," Dietrich said. "It's alive and I think it's appropriate to see it live."



MASSACRE: Bodies of an entire village family, wiped out in last week's massacre in the Indian state of Assam, lie on the floor of their home.

Charged with crimes against humanity

French judge informs Barbie of case

LYON, France, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — Judge Christian Riss, the magistrate overseeing the case against Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, went to Saint Joseph Prison in Lyon Thursday to inform the defendant of the specific facts in the case against him.

Barbie, the former Gestapo chief in Lyon during the World War II German occupation of France, was expelled from Bolivia earlier this month and brought to France, where he has been charged with crimes against humanity.

The 69-year-old Barbie, known in France as "the butcher of Lyon," twice was condemned to death by postwar military courts in Lyon, but the statute of limitations on those sentences has expired and a new case must be developed.

Riss arrived at the central prison minutes after Alain De la Serre, the head of the Lyon Bar Association who is handling Barbie's defense. Riss made no comment to reporters outside the prison, but De la Serre said the meeting probably would take "several hours."

The government prosecutor in Lyon, Jean Berthier, announced "eight facts which precisely are the object of the case opened against Klaus Barbie." They include the arrest, torture and murder of 294 persons and the roundup and deportation of about 650 persons, to the German concentration camps at Auschwitz and Ravensbruck.

Berthier said other infractions of the same nature that the investigation may turn up could be added to the case.

Excluded from the present case, however, he said, are all facts that had been used in the two earlier trials in 1952 and 1954. The prosecutor said he was not pursuing any evidence relating to the crimes committed against members of the French resistance, including its leader Jean Moulin who was tortured and killed, which he said were war crimes and not crimes against humanity.

Members of the resistance were fighting against the Vichy regime and the German occupiers and as such were voluntary combatants, thus could not be considered part of the civilian population, the prosecutor said.

The killing of 22 hostages in reprisal for an

attack on two German policemen in 1943. The arrest and torture of 19 persons in 1943.

The deportation of 84 persons connected with the Lyons General Union of Jews.

The shooting of 42 persons in and around Lyons in 1943-44.

The round-up of French railway workers in which two were killed, several wounded and a number disappeared in 1944.

The deportation of 650 persons, to

Auschwitz and Ravensbruck concentration

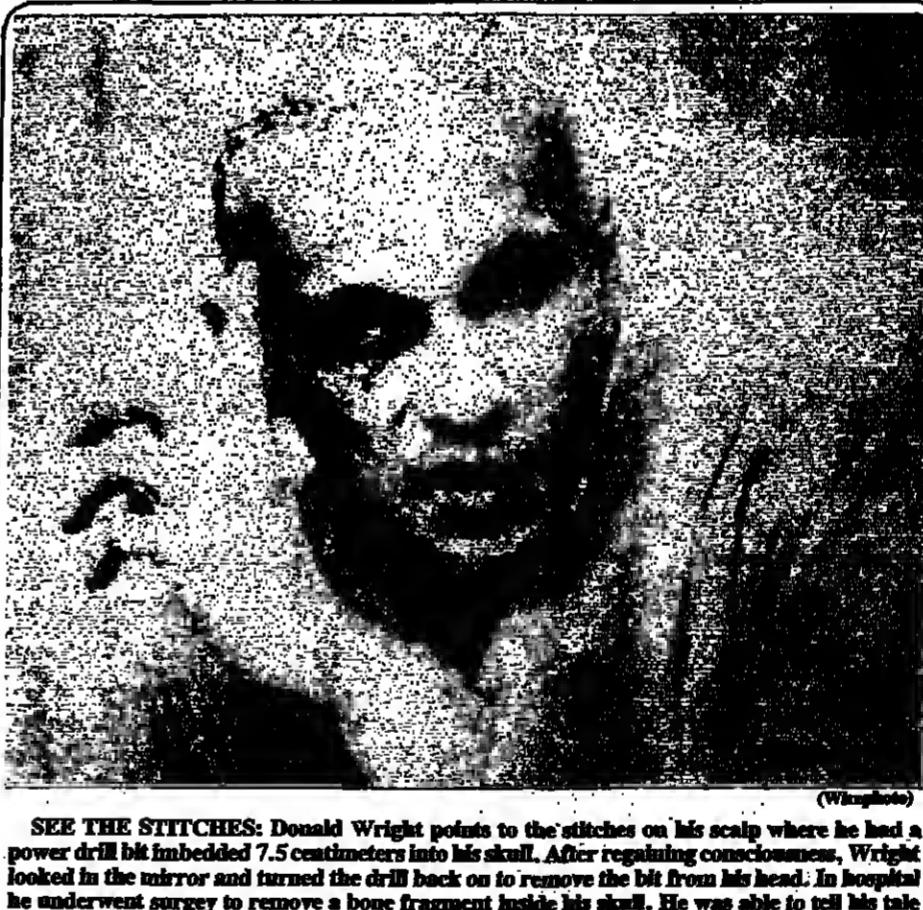
camps, the last shipment being on Aug. 11, 1944.

The shooting of 70 persons at Bron and two priests in Saint Genis Laval.

The deportation of up to 55 persons, mostly children, from the village of Izieu.

About 15 individuals and groups also have registered with the prosecutor's office to take part in the case as civil parties against Barbie. It was the second time that Riss has met with Barbie, the first time being Feb. 5, the day the defendant arrived in Lyon.

(Whitewash)



SEE THE STITCHES: Donald Wright points to the stitches on his scalp where he had a power drill bit imbedded 7.5 centimeters into his skull. After regaining consciousness, Wright looked in the mirror and turned the drill back on to remove the bit from his head. In hospital he underwent surgery to remove a bone fragment inside his skull. He was able to tell his tale Tuesday.

Poland detains ex-Solidarity men

KATOWICE, Poland, Feb. 24 (AP) — Police detained Kazimierz Switon and half a dozen other solidarity labor union activists after a religious prayer held Wednesday in this southern Polish coal mining center to honor those detained under martial law.

Police also detained six accredited Western newsmen who attempted to attend the prayer, but released them when it was over.

Switon, who was instrumental in organizing of free trade unions in Silesia five years ago, was approached by plainclothes men during the prayer and told to accompany them to city's police headquarters, his wife said.

Switon declined to leave during the ceremony but was detained outside later.

Lech Walesa, chief of outlawed labor federation had planned to attend but changed his mind a day before, citing mechanical problems with his automobile.

The heavy security at the Katowice prayer, which was attended by about 2,000, came after demonstrations in four Polish cities last week.

The charges against Switon are not clear, his wife said. However, the local communist daily *Tribune Robotyczna* Monday published an attack on Switon accusing him of accepting money from Westerners to carry out unspecified actions.

TORONTO, Feb. 24 (AP) — A building contractor stood in front of a bathroom mirror and carefully squeezed the trigger of a power drill to unscrew a steel bit that accidentally bored three inches (7.6 centimeters) into his right temple.

"I kept saying to myself, 'oh, my God, whatever do I have to do right because any mistake could be fatal,'" 54-year-old David Wright said. Wright fell off a stepladder and knocked himself out Feb. 16 while working alone in an acquaintance's condominium.

Wright said from his hospital bed Tuesday the moment he regained consciousness he was sure he was dying but managed to struggle to his feet, desperately holding the drill steady with his hands. He walked to the bathroom and, with great concentration, squeezed the drill's trigger and pulled the steel bit from his head.

Bleeding profusely, Wright left the apartment, switching off the lights and locking the door on the way out, and went to his apartment in the same building.

His wife called an ambulance and Wright was rushed to hospital where he underwent two operations in the next two days to remove a bone fragment from his brain. "I guess it just wasn't my time to die," said Wright.

S. Africa-Angola talks end abruptly

PRAIA, Cape Verde, Feb. 24 (R) — Delegations from South Africa and Angola left Thursday after only three hours of talks on the conditions of peace along the Namibian (Southwest African)-Angolan border.

Diplomatic sources said the two sides talked only about border hostilities and did not touch on the problem of Namibian independence. But they agreed to meet again soon.

"The reason the talks did not produce more positive results was because of the weak South African representation," Angola's Interior Minister Alexandre Rodrigues said. Rodrigues went to Cape Verde but did not

take part in the talks because South Africa had sent a low-level delegation led by the foreign affairs director general, Hans van Dalsen.

In an interview with the Portuguese news agency ANP, Rodrigues said his delegation had come to the West African island in the hope of speeding Namibian independence.

He said the meeting had been useful to readjust positions and added Angola did not go to the talks as a substitute for SWAPO (Southwest African People's Organization) which has fought a 16-year guerrilla war for Namibian independence.

Burma keeps off summit at New Delhi

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 24 (AP) — Burma, one of the founding members of the nonaligned movement of nations, will not be represented at the movement's upcoming summit in New Delhi, a senior Foreign Ministry official said Thursday.

Burma pulled out of the movement at the Havana summit in September 1979, declaring it had lost its original objectives and could no longer be considered nonaligned. Some nations in Havana criticized the pro-Soviet hosts for "stage-managing" that meeting.

The spokesman denied reports that Burma was planning to rejoin the movement or would be sending an observer to the summit.

Speculation about Burma rejoining the movement began after the recent visit to Burma of Yugoslav President Peter Strobo Tito of Yugoslavia, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India, President Nasser of Egypt and U Nu of Burma.

Meanwhile nonaligned summit is expected to produce new expressions of regret over the slow progress toward Namibian independence and fresh denunciations of the apartheid regime in South Africa, AFP reports from New Delhi.

The two issues figure prominently in a 23-page draft communiqué prepared by host India, which will be considered in committee and by nonaligned foreign ministers before it goes on to leaders of the 97-member movement at their summit March 7-11.

A full two pages is devoted to Namibia, reaffirming support for the territory's right to self-determination and expressing "deep concern over the continued illegal occupation of Namibia" by the racist South African regime. It says Pretoria's policies constitute "a grave threat to international peace and security."

Defeat forecast for U.K. Labor

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Opinion polls predicted a major defeat for the opposition Labor Party on Thursday in a special parliamentary election in east London's working class Bermondsey Dockland district.

An opinion poll in *The Sun* newspaper Thursday morning forecast that Labor candidate Peter Tatchell, 31-year-old radical on the far left wing of his ideologically-split party, would lose the seat to the centrist Social Democratic-Liberals Party alliance. Bermondsey has been a rock-solid Labor stronghold for the last 60 years.

The poll commissioned by *The Sun* from audience selection gave Tatchell, a social worker, 32 percent of the vote against a winning 42 percent for alliance candidate Simon Hughes, 31. Hughes, a lawyer, belongs to the Liberal Party.

Political commentators say an alliance win in Bermondsey could spell the political demise of Labor leader Michael Foot, 69. Foot is already under pressure to quit from some sections of his party, who say he is showing himself increasingly ineffectual against Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

S. Pole trip planned

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R) — A new British group has announced plans to send 4,000 young explorers to destinations like South American jungles and the South Pole.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, is patron of the four-year, multimillion dollar project, called Operation Raleigh after the 16th century explorer, Sir Walter Raleigh.

He said the experience of travel and hardship would help young people cope with problems in their own communities. The project will involve 1,500 young people from Britain, 1,700 from the United States, and 1,000 from other countries.

Led by Col. John Blashford-Snell, the first group, aged 17 to 24, will sail in November next year.

Tikhonov ends trip

ATHENS, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov left Athens for Moscow on Thursday after a three-day official visit during which he signed a 10-year agreement to improve economic and industrial ties.

He was seen off at Athens Airport by Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and his entire cabinet as well as by the commanders of the Greek armed forces. Strict security measures were in force.

A joint communiqué, to be issued in Moscow and Athens, is expected to deal with arms reduction, detente and the creation of a nuclear-free zone in the Balkan peninsula, as well as with Greece's disputes with Turkey over territorial rights in the Aegean and Cyprus.

Meanwhile, an extreme left-wing group claimed responsibility for an explosion Wednesday night near the restaurant where Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov was dining.

Thailand dashes Syria's hopes

Kingdom bags last eight spot in Asia

By John Crasto
Special to Arab News

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24 — Saudi Arabia must say "thank you, Thailand" for their entry into the Asian Games soccer quarterfinals Wednesday. Not that they did not deserve it, but their agony vanished when the Thais put Syria out of reckoning.

The Arabs were ecstatic when Kingdom hammered home two goals in three minutes for a 2-0 lead over defending champions, North Korea. It was fantastic going. But their joy was short-lived. The Koreans bridged the gap before the interval. Saudi Arabia searched for the match-winning goal in vain. No explosive bursts, no goals. A 2-2 draw at full-time saw them up in the air, neither in nor out. It depended on goal difference and the outcome of the Thailand-Syria match later in the day.

When you play the Brazilian type of soccer you need a lot of agility. Setting up play may be slow but when the opening is made the thrust must be lightning. The Saudi Arabian forwards did not have this burst of speed. Their passing movements were attractive, their style was just great. But who wants all this when goals count so much.

To sail into semis

Pakistanis go on goal spree

By our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24 — The artist is known by his creations. Pakistan's style was full of flourish, so distinctive. They mesmerized Japan. They hammered home a dozen goals, conceded one, for an overpowering show of strength in Asian Games hockey Wednesday.

Goals came so easily for the reigning champions, Japan were not as brittle as the score would suggest. But Pakistan had the scene well laid out. Their strategies, their balance in positional set-up and striking power, were designed to utilize their strikers to advantage. Japan did not know what hit them.

The outcome was staggering, anticlimactic written all over. Japan had promised so much. But they did not utilize their resources intelligently. To adopt defensive measures against Pakistan was suicidal. They realized it too late.

Once Pakistan struck there was no stopping them. Ironically a self goal set them on the rampage. Hassan Sardar's cross in the 20th was deflected by Nakabepu into his own goal. Before Japan could recover, Kaleemullah crashed in a resounding angular shot. Manzoor Sr., Hassan Sardar (2), Hanif Khan (3), Samiullah (2), Manzoor Jr. and Sayeed Khan completed the rout.

Nagapengou got the consolation for Japan from a penalty corner. Pakistan will meet Malaysia in the semifinals. The Malaysians expectedly routed Hong Kong by seven goals to finish behind India in Pool B. Their goals came through Soon Mustapha Karim Abdul Rahim, Kevin Christopher, Murgasen and

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China's lone medal at the Talkatora pool came in diving. Sixteen-year-old student, Wei Lu, won the event with a record tally of 511.17 points. But China bridged the medal tally gap stretched by Japanese swimmers with scintillating performances in gymnastics and weightlifting last Tuesday night.

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